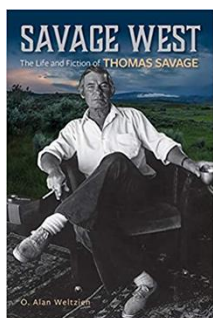


## Montana Historical Society Public Programs and Events February 2022

**All presentations are in the MHS auditorium and livestreamed on the MHS YouTube Channel unless otherwise noted.**

**Thursday, February 3, 2022, 4:30 p.m.**

**Tom Savage, Montana Literature, and Jane Campion, author talk and booksigning with Alan Weltzien**



Thomas Savage, one of Montana's best novelists, was barely known during his lifetime (1915-2003). Across his career his novels were extravagantly praised by critics and sold poorly. Thankfully, Jane Campion's outstanding film adaptation of Savage's best novel, *The Power of the Dog* (2021), has drawn an international spotlight on this neglected writer. Join Professor Emeritus Alan Weltzien, author of *Savage West: The Life and Fiction of Thomas Savage*, for a presentation on both Savage's career and the Campion's film adaptation of *Power of the Dog*.

**Thursday, February 10, 4:30 p.m.**

***The Lost West***

**With Austin Haley**



Join Austin Haley for "The Lost West," a program that highlights French history in North America in the years prior to, during, and after the Lewis and Clark Expedition. Charting the rise of Quebec from Champlain to the Plains of Abraham, paddling alongside pioneers of trade and exploration, and diving into the lives of the Frenchmen who accompanied the Corps of Discovery, this program gives a glimpse into the rich story of North America's vanished empire, and the people who made it possible.

**Saturday, February 12, Second Saturday**

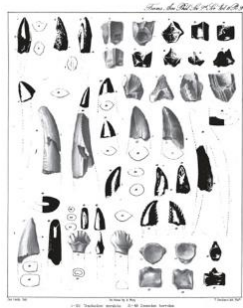
***A Visit with Nancy Cooper Russell 1:30 p.m. (held in the Russell Gallery) with Mary Jane Bradbury***

Free admission to the Montana Historical Society Museum from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Tour the gallery with first-person interpreter Mary Jane Bradbury as she shares Nancy Russell's perspective on Charlie's story. *This program will not be livestreamed.*



**Wednesday, February 16, 10:45 a.m.**  
***The Dinosaur Boom: The 1855 Hayden Site***  
**with Kate Hampton**



During the 1850s, the study of prehistoric life was in its infancy. Darwin's theories on evolution had yet to be published, and the term "dinosaur" had been coined just the decade before. A new generation of observers—geologists, naturalists, biologists—began to revolutionize the scientific community. One, Ferdinand Hayden, explored the American West with hopes of answering questions about the continent's physical development. On a trip to the Missouri Breaks in 1855, Hayden made a remarkable discovery: the first identified dinosaur fossils in the Western Hemisphere.

Join MHS Community Preservation Coordinator Kate Hampton to learn more about the expedition and how Hayden's work initiated a stampede of bone hunters to the western states, including Montana, where the "fossil boom" continues to this day.

**Thursday, February 17, 4:30 p.m.**  
***Vignettes of Valor: African Americans in the Military***  
**with Ellen Baumler**



Explore the struggles and contributions of Montana's African American soldiers with retired MHS historian Ellen Baumler. In her presentation, *Vignettes of Valor*, Ellen traces the history of Black Montanans who served at Montana's forts, fought with Teddy Roosevelt at San Juan Hill during the Spanish American War, served as the first rangers in our National Parks, and helped fight the Great Fire of 1910. Montana's Black soldiers served with honor in World War I and fought for equality during World War II. Using photos and illustrations, Baumler traces this little-known chapter of Montana history.

**Thursday, February 24, 4:30 p.m.**  
***Secrets of the Jocko Lakes Fire, 2007***  
**with Milo Mcleod**

In August 2007 the Jocko Lakes fire burned over 37,000 acres near the town of Seeley Lake, Missoula County, Montana. The fire created a unique opportunity for a productive cultural resource inventory due to the excellent ground visibility. Join retired Lolo National Forest archaeologist Milo Mcleod to learn what the fire revealed, including a significant historic fur trade site, a prehistoric archeological site, numerous prehistoric isolated finds, and an intact segment of the historic Jocko Indian Trail.

